

**TOWN & SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING
MARCH 6, 2007**

Pursuant to the foregoing WARNING, the legal voters of the Town of Northfield met at Northfield High School on March 6, 2007 at 10:00 in the forenoon.

Town Meeting

Meeting was called to order at 10:08 a.m.

Article 1. To elect a Moderator.

Richard Cleveland nominated Steve Jeffrey; seconded by Kevin Ryan. Clerk was instructed to cast one vote. Steve Jeffrey elected as Town Moderator.

Article 2. To elect all requisite Officers.

Total Australian ballot voters: 1132

Delinquent Tax Collector for one year:

Laurie Baroffio (elected)	816
Mike Kerin	252
Write-ins	3
Blanks	61

Grand Juror for one year:

Write-ins	95
Blanks	1037

Selectman three years:

Charles Morse (elected)	588
Robert W. Tucker	486
Write-ins	4
Blanks	54

Selectman two years:

Gregory Sanders (elected)	593
Donald M. Wallace	467
Write-ins	4
Blanks	68

Town Agent one year:

Kim Pombar (elected)	1007
Write-ins	10
Blanks	115

Town Treasurer one year:

Kim Pombar (elected)	998
Write-ins	11
Blanks	123

Trustee Brown Public Library three years:

Philo Hall (elected)	764
William P. Harrison (elected)	734
Write-ins	5
Blanks	761

Lister three years:

Stephen Hatch (elected)	573
Phyllis C. Murphy	457
Write-ins	6
Blanks	96

Article 3. Shall the Town approve the reports of the Town Officials?

Motion made by Selectman Wallace; seconded by Selectman Johnson. No discussion.
Question called. Article 3. approved.

Article 4. Shall the voters authorize a total General Fund expenditure for operation expenses of \$2,153,380 of which \$66,840 will be used from Hold Harmless Reserve and \$1,414,710 will be raised by property taxes?

Motion made by Selectman Wallace; seconded by Selectman LeClair.
No discussion. Question called. Article 4. approved.

Article 5. Shall the voters authorize a total Highway Fund expenditure for operating the Highway Department of \$977,750, of which \$622,170 will be raised by property taxes?

Motion made by Selectman Wallace; seconded by Selectman Demasi.
John Anderson asked where the rest of the money was coming from. Selectman Wallace referred him to page seventy in the Town Report under revenue.
Question called. Article 5. approved.

Article 6. Shall the voters authorize an increase in the veterans' tax exemption for real property located in the Town of Northfield from \$10,000 to \$20,000 of assessed value, first applicable to the Grand List of 2007, as provided for in Title 32 of the Vermont Statutes Annotated? (Australian Ballot)

YES 701*

NO 386

Article 7. Shall the voters of Northfield approve a five year tax exemption status from July 2007 through June 2012 for the Greater Northfield Senior Citizens, Inc. a 501 C 3 nonprofit, also known Northfield Senior Center?

YES 898*

NO 213

Article 8. Shall the voters of the Town of Northfield appropriate an additional \$15,000 for the Greater Northfield Senior Center?

YES 793*
NO 313

Article 9. Shall the voters authorize the expenditure of \$3000 for the Northfield Boys & Girls club?

YES 739*
NO 370

Article 10. Shall the Voters authorize the expenditure of \$2300 to pay for police coverage during the Labor Day weekend celebration (as requested by Northfield Observances)?

YES 662*
NO 445

Article 11. Shall the voters authorize the expenditure of \$1500 for the Retired and Senior Volunteer program?

YES 748*
NO 338

Article 12. Shall the voters authorize the expenditure of \$1200 for Central Vermont Adult Basic Education?

YES 631*
NO 450

Article 13. Shall the voters authorize the expenditure of \$1000 for Battered Women's Services & Shelter?

YES 774*
NO 336

Article 14. Shall the voters authorize the expenditure of \$1000 for the Central Vermont Community Action Council?

YES 588*
NO 498

Article 15. Shall the voters authorize the expenditure of \$1000 for the Central Vermont Council on Aging?

YES 682*
NO 408

Article 16. Shall the voters authorize the expenditure of \$1000 for Good Beginnings of Central Vermont?

YES 645*
NO 460

Article 17. Shall the voters authorize the expenditure of \$1000 for Project Independence?

YES 501
NO 562*

Article 18. Shall the voters authorize the expenditure of \$850 for the People's Health and Wellness Clinic?

YES 683*
NO 407

Article 19. Shall the voters authorize the expenditure of \$500 for the expenditure of Central Vermont Crime Stoppers?

YES 640*
NO 457

Article 20. Shall the voters authorize the expenditure of \$500 for the Family Center of Washington County?

YES 596*
NO 485

Article 21. Shall the voters authorize the expenditure of \$500 for the Washington County Youth Services Bureau/Boys & Girls Club?

YES 572*
NO 514

Article 22. Shall the voters authorize the expenditure of \$350 for O.U.R. House of Central Vermont, Inc?

YES 457
NO 602*

Article 23. Shall the voters authorize the expenditure of \$350 for the Washington County Diversion Program?

YES 556*
NO 526

Article 24. Shall the voters authorize the expenditure of \$200 for the Sexual Assault Crisis Team of Washington County?

YES 758*
NO 341

Article 25. Shall the Town vote to collect taxes by two equal installments due October 31st 2007 and February 29th, 2008?

Motion made by Selectman Wallace; seconded by Selectman Adams.

Motion made by Michael Popowski to amend the collection of taxes the amendment reads as submitted: Shall the Town of Northfield collect its property taxes, in four (4), not

two (2), installments which shall be due on August 15, 2007, November 15, 2007, February 15, 2008 and May 15, 2008?

Michael stated a lot of reasons for the amendment foremost to help our taxpayers with coming up with a large amount at once. Having it over a period of four installments would help the taxpayer. Mike Kerin suggested it may cut down on delinquent taxes. John Donahue stated he thought it might ease the Town on borrowing money. Scott Sabol expressed concern about the change, if any other municipalities had made this change, and if there were any consequences. Michael Popowski stated Burlington, Barre and Montpelier collect in four installments and Berlin had it on their warning for this year. Question called to except amendment; amendment approved.
Question called. Article 25. Approved as amended

Article 26. To transact any other non-binding business proper to be brought before said meeting?

Selectman Adams gave a quick update on the merger committee. He stated the committee was moving forward. They are expanding the committee. Anyone interested in joining is welcome to do so. The committee will have something more to report at the next Town Meeting.

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Selectman Wallace; seconded by Selectman LeClair.
Meeting adjourned 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Pombar
Town Clerk/Treasurer

Attest: _____
Steven Jeffrey
Town Moderator

Attest: _____
Charlene McCarney
Chairman of Justice of Peace

**TOWN & SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING
MARCH 6, 2007**

Pursuant to the foregoing WARNING, the legal voters of the Town of Northfield met at Northfield High School on March 7, 2006 at 10:00 in the forenoon.

SCHOOL MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 10:00 a.m.

Article 1. To elect a School District Moderator.

Richard Cleveland nominated Steve Jeffrey; seconded by Michael Popowski. Clerk was instructed to cast one vote. Steve Jeffrey elected as School Moderator.

Article 2. To elect a School Director for a term of two years.

Nate Freeman (elected)	618
Debbie Ryan	417
Write-ins	0
Blanks	97

Article 3. To elect a School Director for a term of three years.

Justin Wrigley (elected)	968
Write-ins	11
Blanks	153

Article 4. To hear and act upon the reports of the Town School District.

Motion made by Debra Wick; seconded by Justin Wrigley.

No discussion. Question called. Article 4. approved.

Article 5. Shall the voters of the Town of Northfield School District appropriate \$9,874,577 necessary for the support of its schools for the year beginning July 1, 2007?

YES	538
NO	585*

Article 6. Shall the voters of Northfield authorize the Northfield Town School District to borrow money, in anticipation of revenue, not to exceed anticipated revenue for the 2007-2008 school year? (According to VSA Title 16, section 562)

YES	592*
NO	519

Article 7. Shall the voters of Northfield Town School District authorize the transfer of any surplus funds from 2006-2007 budget to establish a maintenance reserve fund?

YES 798*
NO 315

Article 8. To transact any other business proper to be brought before said meeting.

No other business conducted. Motion to adjourn made by Don Wallace; seconded by Debra Wick. Motion to adjourn approved.

Meeting Adjourned: 10:06 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Pombar
Town Clerk/Treasurer

Attest: _____
Steven Jeffrey
Town Moderator

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Charlene McCarney
Chairman of Justice of Peace